Tackling infrastructure bottlenecks through larger investments in creation of physical infrastructure like upgradation/modernisation of roads, rail and ports.

Sports facilities in schools/colleges

4485. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that sports facilities including swimming pools are not available for students in all the Government schools and colleges of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA) : (a) to (c) "Sports" is a State subject and it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to create sports facilities including swimming pools at various places including government schools and colleges. However, in order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in this direction, Central assistance is provided to the government schools, on receipt of viable proposals, for creation of various sports facilities under the scheme of "Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure".

2. Similarly, on receipt of viable proposals, Universities/Colleges—Government or private—are also assisted for development of sports facilities including swimming pool under the scheme of "Grants for Promotion of Sports in Universities and colleges".

Athletic tracks in Punjab

4486. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct sports/athletic tracks in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district wise; and

(c) the details of financial allocation made therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA) : (a) to (c) No viable proposal seeking assistance for construction of cinder/grass athletic track in Punjab has been received during the last three years. However, construction of synthetic athletic tracks at Guru Nanak Stadium, Ludhiana and Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports, Patiala have been completed during the last three years with admissible Central assistance of Rs. 1.00 crore each.